

18 year-old Durham resident Fausto Palma-Guifarro faces deportation

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Hi, my name is Fausto Palma-Guifarro, and I came to the US when I was 12 years old. I am now 18 years old, and I am facing deportation. I was brought to this country escaping the violence in Honduras and to reunite with my mother who I had not seen since I was 6 years old. I did not remember my mother's face; I missed her love, hugs and company. I just wanted to be with her. **I would like an opportunity to stay in this country, my country, to become a professional, serve its people, and support my mother.**



In 2004, I was stopped by immigration officials when I was trying to cross the border into the US with my brother. An immigration judge gave us an order to attend court. My brother and I did not go to the court because my mother received the wrong legal advice from an unscrupulous notary.

On June 8, 2011, the day before my high school graduation, ICE came to my house and arrested me. I was detained at the ICE detention center in Cary, NC, and I was alone trying to defend myself. My mother, who has Temporary Protected Status (TPS), was in Honduras visiting my siblings.

ICE allowed me to attend my high school graduation because I have no criminal record and because of my good behavior during my detention. However, on July 21st, 2011 I will have to go to Charlotte, NC to report before ICE. Once there, ICE could put me in a plane and send me back to Honduras, or, with your help, grant me deferred action.

I feel like an American. I want to work hard for this country and for my mother. There is no hope for me in Honduras, and my home is now where my mother is. My dream is to become a Pediatrician and help children by providing high quality health services to them, and to serve this country where I can live with the peace and freedom I cannot find in Honduras. **I need your help to stay in the US.**